



01.31.2022 Veterans Home Weekly Family Updates

Dear Family & Friends -

**COVID-19 Update:**

**Here is our current COVID-19 information:**

Unfortunately, since our last update, one team member is now confirmed to have the virus, and one team member is suspected to have the virus. Thankfully, two team members are now recovered.

**Current & Cumulative COVID-19 Cases:**

Current <b>Active</b> COVID-19 Confirmed Positive:	4 (three employees, one member)
Current <b>Active</b> COVID-19 Suspected Positive:	1 (one employee)
Cumulative COVID-19 Confirmed Positive (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	110 (twenty-seven members, eighty employees, three contracted individuals)
Cumulative COVID-19 Suspected Positive (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	4 (one members, three employees)
Total <b>Recovered</b> (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	105 (twenty-three members, seventy-nine employees, three contracted individuals)

**KN95 or N95 Masks:**

KN95 masks need to be worn while at the Veterans Home to provide additional protection. If you would like to wear an N95, please ask so we can get you one. The CDC continues to recommend that we all wear the most protective mask that we can, that fits best, to help fight the Omicron variant. Click here for more information from the CDC on masks: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/types-of-masks.html> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

**Boosters:**

As you may know, the timeframe to get your booster is 5 months after your Pfizer or Moderna series. [Click Here](#) to find out more information about the boosters. [Click Here](#) to sign up for your COVID booster or vaccine at a vaccine site near you.

**Free Test Kits:**

If you are feeling ill, and/or you believe you have been exposed to someone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please get tested. Right now, each household in the US can receive 4 free at-home testing kits. Click here [www.usps.com/covidtest](http://www.usps.com/covidtest) to sign up to get these kits delivered to your home. We continue to have enough testing supplies at the Veterans Home to frequently test to identify any new cases of COVID-19.

**COVID-19 Plan:**

Our comprehensive COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Response Plan is in place to help our team prioritize the health and safety of everyone who lives in and works at the Veterans Home. This plan includes:

- Requiring team members be vaccinated against COVID-19 while encouraging members and families to get the COVID-19 vaccine;
- Utilizing appropriate personal protective equipment, including a well-fitting face covering or mask that covers the mouth and nose;
- Screening and monitoring members, team members, and visitors for symptoms;
- Using alcohol-based hand rub regularly;
- Tracing individuals who come in contact with anyone affected;
- Testing members and team members based on federal and state guidance;
- Quarantining COVID-19 positive members and implementing enhanced infection control measures;
- Advising COVID-19 positive team members to take all appropriate measures;
- Taking environmental safety precautions, such as disinfecting high-touch surfaces and designated visitation areas after each visit;
- Assuring safe congregate dining and group activities with social distancing; and
- Adhering to safe visitation procedures, including maintaining six feet of distance between persons.

Please see our website for our full COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Response Action Plan.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the health and safety of our team members and members.

Best,



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